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SUBJ: NEW MINISTERIAL AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

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1. RADIO ETHIOPIA (IN AMHARIC) AT 1400 HOURS LOCAL MARCH 4
ANNOUNCED EXTENSIVE LIST NEW APPOINTMENTS. SALIENT CHANGES
CULLED OFF THE AIR INCLUDE DESIGNATION OF LIJ MICHAEL IMRU AS
"CHIEF POLITICAL ADVISER" IN OFFICE OF (PMAC) CHAIRMAN; ATO
AMMANUEL AMDE MICHAEL AS NEW MINJUSTICE; DR. AKLILU HABTE AS
NEW MINCLUTURE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS; DR. ASZATE ZELLEKE AS
MINAGRICULTURE; COL. LEGESSE WOLDE MARIAM AS MININTERIOR; ATO
HAILU YEMANU AS MINMINES AND WATER RESOURCES; AND ATO PAULOS
ABRAHAM AS MINPUBLIC WORKS AND RESIDENCES.

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2. LONG SERIES OF AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS ALSO ANNOUNCED, ALTHOUGH COUNTRIES OF ASSIGNMENT NOT RPT NOT GIVEN. NOTABILITIES INCLUDED IN LIST OF AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE ARE WZO. YODIT IMRU, COL. BELACHEW JEMANEH AND DR. FITIGU TADESSE.

3. FORMER MINSTATE IN MOFA, ARAYA EKUBA-EGZY, BECOMES COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

4. SEVERAL MAJOR GOVERNORSHIPS ALSO FILLED, INCLUDING NEW "CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF SHOA", DR. BATAYEHU GELAW.

5. THERE ALSO NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS TO RANK OF "PERMREP" IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES (PERMSECS?), EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO EXPLORE. WHILE DETAILED COMMENTARY AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US WILL FOLLOW IN SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL-DESIGNATE OF SHOA IS HUSBAND OF EMBASSY FSL, WHO HEARD OF HIS APPOINTMENT ON RADIO AND IS CURRENTLY WALKING ABOUT IN A DAZE, ADN THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FITIGU TEDESSE WAS COMPLAINING BITTERLY TO EMBOFF ONLY FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE LIKELY ONCE AGAIN BE PASSED OVER FOR CHIEFOF-MISSIONSHIP.

6. THESE NEW APPOINTMENTS, MOREOVER, REASSIGN TWO SENIOR MOFA OFFICIALS, MINSSTATE YODIT IMRU AND ARAYA EKUBA-EGZY, SUGGESTING FURTHER CHANGES IN MOFA SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED. CURRENT HEAD MOFA'S AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, MENGHISTU DESTA, WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE REPLACED.
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